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PRESERVATION OF RARE MANUSCRIPTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government has any scheme for collecting and preserving rare manuscripts in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount allocated and spent for the purpose during each of the last three years ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKASONI)

(a)&(b) The Governm`en ;as established the National Mission foi dnuscripts in 2003 to locate, catalogue, conserve and disseminate India`s manuscripts both in India and abroad. However, the Mission does not collect manuscripts either from institutions or private owners in India or abroad except those manuscripts that are donated strictly on a voluntary basis. The Mission has prepared a national database of one million manuscripts on the web. Rare manuscript collections across the country are also being digitized by the Mission in phases.

(c) The details of amount spent by the Mission during the last 3 years are as under:

Year	Amount Spent (In Rs. Crore)
2004-05	3.47
2005-06	7.90
2006-07	9.43